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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to fee calculation and examination please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-15.

Please add the following new claim(s).

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B1  
--16. A microparticle for controlled active-substance release comprising at least one active